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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS ON F-15 DELIVERIES TO ISRAEL

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REF: CAIRO 17097

1. ARTICLE CITED REFTEL IS HIGHLY INACCURATE. OTHER PRESS
REPORTING ON F-15 ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL THAT WE HAVE SEEN HERE
HAS TREATED MATTER AS RELATIVELY ROUTINE.

2. BLU-27 IS NAPALM CANISTER, NOT FIRE CONCUSSION BOMB,
HAS NEVER BEEN PROVIDED TO ISRAEL, AND WOULD NOT IN ALL
LIKELIHOOD HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH F-15 IN ANY CASE, SINCE
BLU-27 IS ESSENTIALLY A GROUND SUPPORT WEAPON. F-15S BEING
DELIVERED TO ISRAEL HAVE NO SPECIAL MUNITIONS. WE HAVE
NO IDEA HOW UPI TEL AVIV CONCOCTED STORY (NOT RECEIVED HERE)
RELATING BLU-27 TO COMMENCEMENT OF F-15 DELIVERIES.

3. AS FOR F-15, IT IS HIGH PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT DESIGNED
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PRIMARILY AS HIGH ALTITUDE INTERCEPTOR, WITH CHARACTERISTICS

THAT ENABLE IT TO COMPETE WITH THE MORE ADVANCED SOVIET
AIRCRAFT ALREADY IN ME INVENTORIES. WHILE HAVING UNUSUALLY
VERSATILE FLIGHT CAPABILITIES, IT HAS NO NOVEL DESTRUCTIVE
CAPABILITIES AS SUGGESTED BY REFTEL ARTICLE.

4. EMBASSY CAIRO MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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